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To amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States relating to the definition of raw value for purposes of raw sugar import tariff rate quota.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHAYS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHED-**
4 **ULE OF THE UNITED STATES RELATING TO**
5 **THE DEFINITION OF RAW VALUE FOR RAW**
6 **SUGAR IMPORT TARIFF RATE QUOTA.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Additional U.S. Note 5 to chapter
8 17 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United

1 States is amended by striking paragraph (c) and inserting
2 the following new paragraph:

3 “(c) For purposes of this note, the term ‘raw value’
4 means the equivalent of such articles in terms
5 of ordinary commercial raw sugar testing 96
6 degrees by the polariscope as determined in ac-
7 cordance with regulations or instructions issued
8 by the Secretary of the Treasury. Such regula-
9 tions or instructions may, among other things,
10 provide: (i) for the entry of such articles pend-
11 ing a final determination of polarity; and (ii)
12 that positive or negative adjustments for dif-
13 ferences in preliminary and final raw values be
14 made in the same or succeeding quota periods.
15 The principal grades and types of sugar shall
16 be translated into terms of raw value in the fol-
17 lowing manner:

18 “(A) For articles described in subheadings
19 1701.11.10 and 1701.11.50, by multiply-
20 ing the number of kilograms thereof by—
21 “(i) for the full degree from 94° to, but
22 not including 95°, 0.9175;
23 “(ii) for the full degree from 95° to and in-
24 cluding 96°, 0.945;

1 “(iii) for the full degree from more than
 2 96° to and including 97°, 1.005;

3 “(iv) for the full degree from more than
 4 97° to and including 98°, 1.0275; and

5 “(v) for the full degree from more than
 6 98° to, but not including 99.5°,
 7 1.0395.

8 “(B) For articles described in subheadings
 9 1701.11.05, 1701.11.20, 1701.12.05,
 10 1701.12.10, 1701.12.50, 1701.91.05,
 11 1701.91.10, 1701.91.30, 1701.99.05,
 12 1701.99.10, 1701.99.50, 2106.90.42,
 13 2106.90.44, and 2106.90.46, by multiply-
 14 ing the number of kilograms thereof by the
 15 greater of 0.93, or 1.07 less 0.0175 for
 16 each degree of polarization under 100 de-
 17 grees (and fractions of a degree in propor-
 18 tion).

19 “(C) For articles described in subheadings
 20 1702.90.05, 1702.90.10, and 1702.90.20,
 21 by multiplying the number of kilograms of
 22 the total sugars thereof (the sum of the su-
 23 crose and reducing sugars or invert sug-
 24 ars) by 1.07.

1 “(D) The Secretary of the Treasury shall estab-
2 lish methods for translating sugar into
3 terms of raw value for any special grade or
4 type of sugar, syrup, or molasses for which
5 he/she determines that the raw value can-
6 not be measured adequately under the
7 above provisions.”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) shall take effect 15 days after the date of
10 the enactment of this Act.

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